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LISTING OF CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) An artificial fingernail, comprising a nail body made from transparent material and having a nail bed portion, a nail tip portion and a dividing line between the nail bed portion and the nail tip portion, the nail bed portion substantially corresponding to the nail bed of a natural fingernail and adapted to be adhered to a natural fingernail allowing at least a portion of the natural nail bed to be visible therethrough, the nail tip portion being provided with a continuous opaque decoration which obscures at least a portion of a natural nail tip when the artificial fingernail is applied over a natural fingernail, wherein the continuous opaque decoration comprises paint covering a substantial portion of the nail tip portion to give the appearance of a French manicure.
2. (Original) The artificial fingernail as defined in Claim 1, wherein the dividing line is at an angle with respect to a transition line of a natural nail from bed to tip when the artificial fingernail is applied over the natural fingernail.
3. (Original) The artificial fingernail as defined in Claim 1, wherein the dividing line is generally aligned with a transition line of a natural fingernail from bed to tip when the artificial fingernail is applied over the natural fingernail.
4. (Currently Cancelled)
5. (Currently Amended) The artificial fingernail as defined in Claim 1 4, wherein the paint is white and the substantial portion is the entire tip portion.

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6. (Original) The artificial fingernail as defined in Claim 1, further comprising decorative designs applied over the entire fingernail.

7. (Original) The artificial fingernail as defined in Claim 1, further comprising a transparent sealer applied over the artificial nail, to protect the decoration.

8. (Currently Amended) An artificial fingernail tip, comprising a nail body made from transparent material and having a nail base portion, a nail tip portion and a dividing line between the nail base portion and the nail tip portion, the nail base portion corresponding in size and shape to the distal end of a natural fingernail and adapted to be adhered to the distal end of the natural fingernail allowing at least a portion of the nail bed of a natural fingernail to be visible therethrough, and the nail tip portion being provided with a continuous opaque decoration which obscures at least a portion of a nail tip of a natural fingernail when the artificial fingernail tip is applied over the natural fingernail, wherein the continuous opaque decoration comprises paint covering a substantial portion of the nail tip portion to give the appearance of a French manicure.

9. (Original) The artificial fingernail tip as defined in Claim 8, wherein the dividing line is at an angle with respect to a transition line of a natural nail from bed to tip when the artificial fingernail is applied over the natural fingernail.

10. (Original) The artificial fingernail tip as defined in Claim 8, wherein the dividing line is generally aligned with a transition line of a natural nail from bed to tip when the artificial fingernail is applied over the natural fingernail.

11. (Currently Cancelled)

12. (Currently Amended) The artificial fingernail tip as defined in Claim 8 11, wherein the paint is white and the substantial portion is the entire tip portion.

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13. (Original) The artificial fingernail tip as defined in Claim 8, further comprising decorative designs applied over the fingernail tip.

14. (Original) The artificial fingernail tip as defined in Claim 8, further comprising a transparent sealer applied over the artificial nail tip, to protect the decoration.

15. (Currently Amended) An artificial fingernail kit, comprising:
at least ten artificial fingernails, each nail comprising a nail body made from transparent plastic and having a nail bed portion, a nail tip portion and a dividing line between the nail bed portion and the nail tip portion, the nail bed portion substantially corresponding to at least the distal end of a natural fingernail and adapted to be adhered to a natural fingernail allowing at least a portion of the natural nail bed to be visible therethrough, at least a portion of the nail tip portion having a continuous opaque decoration which obscures a natural nail tip when said artificial fingernail is applied over a natural fingernail, said continuous opaque decoration comprising paint covering a substantial portion of the nail tip portion to give the appearance of a French manicure; and
an adhesive, wherein natural nail color is visible through the adhesive and artificial nail when the artificial nail is applied to a natural nail with the adhesive.

16. (Currently Amended) An artificial fingernail kit, comprising:
at least ten artificial fingernails, each nail comprising a nail body made from transparent plastic and having a nail bed portion, a nail tip portion and a dividing line between the nail bed portion and the nail tip portion, the nail bed portion substantially corresponding to at least the distal end of a natural fingernail and adapted to be adhered to a natural fingernail allowing at least a portion of the natural nail bed to be visible therethrough, at least a portion of the nail tip portion having a continuous opaque decoration which obscures a natural nail tip when said artificial fingernail is applied over a natural fingernail;
and

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an adhesive, wherein natural nail color is visible through the adhesive and artificial nail when the artificial nail is applied to a natural nail with the adhesive ~~The artificial fingernail kit as defined in Claim 15, wherein the adhesive is translucent pink.~~

17. (Original) The artificial fingernail kit as defined in Claim 15, further comprising a transparent filler comprising a powder component and a liquid component, wherein said filler creates a smooth transition between an artificial nail and the natural nail bed when applied and creates a transparent coating so that the natural nail bed is visible through the nail bed portion of the artificial nail.

18. (Currently Amended) A method of applying artificial fingernails, comprising:
applying an adhesive to an artificial nail, said artificial nail comprising a nail body made from transparent material and having a nail bed portion, a nail tip portion and a dividing line between the nail bed portion and the nail tip portion, the nail bed portion substantially corresponding to at least the distal end of a natural fingernail and said nail tip portion being provided with a continuous opaque decoration which obscures at least a portion of a natural nail tip when said artificial fingernail is applied over a natural fingernail, wherein said adhesive is substantially contacted with the nail bed portion only and wherein said continuous opaque decoration comprises paint covering a substantial portion of the nail tip portion to give the appearance of a French manicure; and

placing the nail bed portion over a natural nail bed such that at least a portion of the natural nail bed is visible through the adhesive and the nail bed portion of the artificial nail and at least a portion of the natural nail tip is obscured by the tip portion of the artificial nail.

19. (Currently Amended) A method of applying artificial fingernails, comprising:
applying an adhesive to an artificial nail, said artificial nail comprising a nail body
made from transparent material and having a nail bed portion, a nail tip portion and a
dividing line between the nail bed portion and the nail tip portion, the nail bed portion
substantially corresponding to at least the distal end of a natural fingernail and said nail tip

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portion being provided with a continuous opaque decoration which obscures at least a portion of a natural nail tip when said artificial fingernail is applied over a natural fingernail, wherein said adhesive is substantially contacted with the nail bed portion only and The method as defined in Claim 18, wherein the adhesive is translucent pink; and

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placing the nail bed portion over a natural nail bed such that at least a portion of the natural nail bed is visible through the adhesive and the nail bed portion of the artificial nail and at least a portion of the natural nail tip is obscured by the tip portion of the artificial nail.

20. (Original) The method as defined in Claim 18, further comprising the step of applying a transparent acrylic filler to the natural nail bed to create a smooth transition between the natural nail bed and artificial nail.
